



The ATV Invasion 2006 proves that Aruba's kids have "Got Moves!"

2005 was a year for a number of new events in Aruba that proved so successful they have been expanded upon and established new traditions. The Sparkling Tour is an example, and so is *Invasion*, a day when the main street of Oranjestad is closed to traffic and the fine arts invade the town and takeover. It is all part of the ATV Channel 15 Summer Camp, a program organized by Tessa Pietersz who is joined by her sister Tracy this year in making it another memorable event. Not only will young artists that have been working with Access Art Gallery over the summer invade the streets of Oranjestad on August 5, but dancers, story tellers and small dramatic groups will enact plays. On Sunday, July 30, youngsters that have been working with break dance professionals from Holland were able to show that they now truly have "got moves," and witnessing what they were capable of was quite enlightening.

"Got Moves" is the name of the program organized by Tracy Pietersz, a recent graduate of the Rotterdam Dansacademie of Holland. Professional break-dancers of the Styles Confidential Dance group from Holland worked with sixty-five Aruban youths of all ages for the past three weeks at the Cas di Cultura, and this past Sunday the children had the opportunity to show off what they had learned to an enthusiastic audience.

The venue was the basketball stadium of Aruba Juniors, who also showed that they have "got moves" on the court, with a demonstration of their skills. It was a day of DJ competitions featuring some of Aruba's top disc spinners, dance and sport competitions, and demonstrations that proved to young people there are things to do to make this an exciting summer. Sunday was devoted to not only the Dutch dancers and their students, but the professional break dance group of Curacao titled "Curacao Street Rockaz," who also showed off their amazing talent. A highlight of the day was a "dance-off" between the two groups of professionals eliciting gasps from the audience and thunderous applause.

Aruba's summer school break was filled with many entertaining activities for the children to get them out of the house and inspire them athletically and artistically. The team of Tracy and Tessa proved that there is life away from the television and video games, and that summer break need not be boring. It certainly wasn't for the those that came to watch a great day of dance and fun and got moving!